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Pickens District • Seat 1

David Woerz, *Incumbent*

Name of candidate: David Woerz

Position candidate is filing for: Tribal Legislator

District and seat number: Pickens District, Seat 1

Background information: Mr. Woerz is the great-grandson of Minnie Thomas Stewart, 7/8 Chickasaw and 1/8 Delaware, and grandson of Ruth Stewart Hyden and son of Judith G. Woerz.

He is 1/8 American Indian (7/64 Chickasaw, 1/64 Delaware). His family's original allotment is in Davis, Okla., where Hanover Compressor currently resides.

Mr. Woerz's family has continually lived in and operated businesses in the Pickens District for over 100 years. David Woerz is the co-owner and chief financial officer of Ardmore Electric Supply, Inc. Ardmore Electric Supply, Inc. was established in 1947 by the late Gustave R. Woerz and has been a family-owned operated business ever since. Ardmore Electric has grown over the years from a three-person operation to its current employment of 18. The company now has a sales staff that covers all of Southern Oklahoma and North Texas. Mr. Woerz is accustomed to dealing with big business as the senior account manager for such customers as Michelin North America, Wynnewood Refinery, The Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation, East Jordon Ironworks, Imation Corp., and many more.

Educational background: Southeastern Oklahoma State University (1988-1990).

Oklahoma State University (1990-1992) College of Business. Ardmore Electric Supply, Inc., (1992-Present)

David Woerz

Tribal involvement

Chairman – Land & Economic Development Committee

Chairman – Special Projects Committee

Member – Finance Committee

Member – Tribal Historical & Cultural Preservation Committee

Member – Human Resources Committee

Member – Court Development Ad Hoc Committee

Member – Ethics Ad Hoc Committee

Member – Chickasaw Small Business Development Committee

Member – Oklahoma Minority Supplier Development Council

Civic and/or community activities: Mr. Woerz has been involved and supports many organizations and charities.

Ambassador – Shriners Hospitals for Children

Chairman – Shriners Hospital for Children Golf Tournament

Chairman – Mitch Sperry Boys and Girls Club Golf Tournament

Member - First United Methodist Church Council, Ardmore, Oklahoma

Member - Masonic Lodge 31, Ardmore, Oklahoma

Member - 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason, Valley of McAlester

Member – Crosspoint Emmaus Community

Coach – YMCA Baseball League

Goals as a member of the Chickasaw Legislature: I will continue to bring a solid business background to the Legislature. I am determined to make sure the profits being generated are distributed to all Citizens equally through expanded benefits and services.

· Expanded Walk in Appointments at all Clinics

· Expanded Hours of Operation at all Health Clinics

· Expanded Programs and Medical Assistance for CITIZENS AT LARGE

· Expanded Dental Care

· Continued Support of Educational Programs

· Chickasaw Assisted Living Centers

· Protection of Tribal Sovereignty

· Continued Support of Elder Programs

· Fiscal Responsibility

Personal message to the Chickasaw People: *I will always keep the needs of the Chickasaw people first .*

It is truly one of the greatest honors of my life to represent so many wonderful people. The first two years in office were certainly a learning experience but I have made the transition, and together we have built a solid foundation for the Pickens District.

Now it is time for us to start building our future.

I will continue to listen to your needs and fight for you and your family. I will continue to support all programs to educate Chickasaws. Education is the key to improving the lives of the Chickasaw people. All citizens whether living in the district or not should benefit equally.

I will continue to support increases in the amount of financial support given to citizens living outside of the Chickasaw Nation Boundaries. Elders must receive all the help we can give with expanded prescription, additional transportation and assisted living services.

Tribal Sovereignty is one issue we must never take for granted. We must continually combat those who would like to change the status of all tribes.

I am very proud of my body of work so far and with your continued support the best is yet to come.

God Bless,

David A. Woerz

Legislative contests in Pontotoc, Pickens Districts

Candidates file for tribal offices; ballots mailed July 13

Chickasaw Nation Election Secretary Rita Loder has announced the candidates seeking four legislative seats and one judicial seat within the Chickasaw Nation.

The filing period closed Wednesday, June 3, 2009 at 4:30 p.m.

Four candidates filed for Pontotoc District Seat 2, which was vacated when incumbent legislator Dr. Judy Goforth Parker resigned to accept the position of administrator of the Chickasaw Nation Division of Health.

Nancy Elliott, Sandra Renee Gibson, Leon D. Brown, all of Ada, and Todd Griffith, of Newcastle, filed for the open seat.

Pontotoc District Seat 1 incumbent Holly Easterling will face challenger Pattie Howell. Both are from Ada.

Pickens District Seat 4 incumbent Wanda Blackwood Tippit Scott, of Elmore City, will face challenger Shana Tate Hammond, of Ardmore, for the seat.

Incumbent David Woerz will face challengers Leslie Larsen Hicks and Mike Watson for Pickens District Seat 1. All are from Ardmore.

Tishomingo District Seat 1 incumbent legislator D. Scott Colbert did not receive a challenger. He will retain his seat on the legislature.

Incumbent Supreme Court Justice Barbara Anne Smith drew no challengers for Seat 2 on the Supreme Court. She will retain her seat on the Supreme Court.

Registered Chickasaw voters will vote by absentee ballots. Ballots will be mailed July 13, 2009 and returned to Chickasaw Election Commission no later than 10:30 a.m. on July 28, 2009. No hand delivered ballots will be accepted.

The Chickasaw Nation Election Commission shall conduct and supervise the ballot counting at the Chickasaw Community Center in Ada on July 28, 2009, beginning at 11 a.m. Results of the elections shall be announced the same day.

If necessary, a run-off election will be August 25.

For more information, contact Ms. Loder at (580) 310-6475.

Candidates filing are as follows:

Legislature:

Pontotoc District

Seat 2 Nancy Elliott (Ada)

Seat 2 Todd Griffith (Newcastle)

Seat 2 Sandra "Renee" Gibson (Ada)

Seat 2 Leon D. Brown (Ada)

Pontotoc District

Seat 1 Holly M. Easterling (Incumbent) (Ada)

Seat 1 Pattie Howell (Ada)

Pickens District

Seat 4 Wanda Blackwood Tippit Scott (Incumbent) (Elmore City)

Seat4 Shana Tate Hammond (Ardmore)

Pickens District

Seat 1 David Woerz (Incumbent) (Ardmore)

Seat 1 Leslie Larsen Hicks (Ardmore)

Seat 1 Mike Watson (Ardmore)

Tishomingo District

Seat 1 D. Scott Colbert (Incumbent) (Sulphur)

Supreme Court:

Seat 2 Barbara Anne Smith (Incumbent) (Newcastle)

Pickens District • Seat 1

Leslie Larsen Hicks

Name of candidate: Leslie Larsen Hicks

Position candidate is filing for: Tribal Legislator

District and seat number: Pickens District, Seat 1

Background information: Mrs. Hicks was raised in the same town, Wynnewood, Okla., where her Chickasaw grandfather, Manley Lanham met and married her grandmother, Ruth Carter. Manley and Ruth had two sons, Robert Lanham Larsen (her father) and Mike Larsen. Manley was the son of Perry and Mary Jane Underwood Lanham and the grandson of Houston Underwood and Betsy Tyson.

After attending high school and a short stint in college she began to work for herself doing bookkeeping and various jobs in the restaurant, insurance and real estate industry.

She married Eddy Hicks a farmer/rancher and in 1997 began managing the business end of their farming operation. Soon after they began an agriculture and commercial real estate investment business which operates today in three states, Mississippi, Oklahoma and Texas.

She is also currently a regional vice president with Arbonne International, a health and wellness company.

Leslie Larsen Hicks

Educational background: Mrs. Hicks is a 1989 graduate of Wynnewood High School.

Civic and/or community activities: Mrs. Hicks is involved in various organizations throughout Southern Oklahoma. She currently sits on the Board of Directors for The United Way of Southern Oklahoma, The Ardmore Day Nursery and the YWCA/Grace Center of Southern Oklahoma. She serves as a member of the Ardmore Recycling Committee as well. She is a member of the Ardmore Young Professionals Organization and sits on the Steering Committee of that organization. She also serves as the Community Service Chairperson of the Ardmore Young Professionals and is a member of the Ardmore Chamber of Commerce. She is a graduate of Leadership Ardmore Class of 2009.

Awards and honors: Mrs. Hicks was awarded by the Ardmore Young Professionals their first "Rising Star" award for recognition of leadership. In May of this year she was honored as one of the Oklahoma Journal Record's "Achievers Under 40" for a commitment to leadership and service to her community.

Goal as a member of the Chickasaw Legislature: My goal as a Legislator of the Pickens District Seat #1 is to represent the voice of the people in that district through guiding policies and programs benefiting their advancement and prosperity.

Name of Spouse: Eddy Hicks

Personal message to the Chickasaw People: *In light of the current conditions in our nation, now more than ever is the time for the people of the Pickens District and Chickasaw Nation to band together for the sake of our people and use what we know to be true. That we possess a will to survive, an ability to adapt to and never ending spirit to move forward through adversity and emerge always as the Unconquered and Unconquerable.*

I, Leslie Larsen Hicks, would consider it the highest honor to represent you, the People of the Pickens District and Chickasaw Nation.

Mike Watson

Name of candidate: Mike Watson

Position candidate is filing for: Tribal Legislator

District and seat number: Pickens District, Seat 1

Background information: Mike Watson is the eldest son of Wilma Pauline Stout Watson, Chickasaw and the late Thomas W. Watson, Choctaw. His maternal grandmother was Hattie Pickens Stout, a Chickasaw original enrollee. His maternal grandfather, Sam Stout, was ¾ Mississippi Choctaw, but not enrolled. His maternal great-grandparents were Ihunta and Annie Ned Pickens, both full-blood original Chickasaw enrollees. Mr. Watson is one of many great-great-grandsons of Euthlike and Edmund (Okchun-tubby) Pickens ca. 1789 – 1868, both Chickasaws. Edmund Pickens was the first elected Chief of Chickasaw District of Choctaw Nation and helped establish the Chickasaw Nation, and with the Chickasaw's purchase of our lands from the Choctaw Nation.

Mr. Watson's paternal grandparents were Willis Watson, 4/4 Choctaw, and Nancy Marris Watson, ¾ Mississippi Choctaw, both original enrollees. Mike Watson is 11/16 Chickasaw, Choctaw and Mississippi Choctaw.

Educational background: Mr. Watson's educational background includes: 1969 graduate of Madill (OK) High School, 1969 East Central College, Ada, Okla., major: history, minor: accounting, 1972 Computer Educational Center (computer science certificate, third generation), Dallas, 1983 American College, Ft. Smith, Ark. (associate degree, business management), 1983 Phillips University, Enid, Okla. (continued studies: accounting and business). Mr. Watson plans to use his business management as well as his work experience as follows, to appraise CN legislation: 1970 – 1972, insurance; 1970 – 1981, oil and gas exploration; 1981- 1983, academic; 1989 – 1994, governmental accounting; 1994 – 199,5 CN Cultural Resources; 1975 – present, land and mineral management.

Mike Watson

Civic and/or community activities: For the past 20 years, the majority of Mr. Watson's civic and community activities has centered around the Chickasaw people. He has continuously advocated for many projects that benefit Chickasaw citizens. The following describes some of these projects that have been implemented. In the early 1990's Mr. Watson proposed to the Chickasaw Legislature that Chickasaw Elders and Seniors be granted funds from the Chickasaw General funds for payment on their utilities, without requiring them to meet any income or resident guideline. Witness the Chickasaw Elder Assistance Program, which surpasses the Federal Government's Low Income Energy Assistance Program.

Mr. Watson, with the backing from his family suggested many projects and services, which have in turn, greatly benefited the Chickasaw People as well as other Native Americans. This includes the decentralization of our program facilities, which became the Regional Offices. Ardmore was one of the first regions to benefit.

When there was only the food distribution center in Ada, Mike suggested to tribal legislators that they lobby the federal government for a food distribution center in Ardmore.

Mike has been an advocate for over the counter medications for elders, as well as increases in burial assistance.

Mike and his mother, Wilma, lobbied Pickens District legislators in support of compacts with the I.H.S. and the B.I.A.

Mike supports tribal benefits including tribal workers' 401k, benefits for part-time tribal workers, clothing grants for all school levels and the Chickasaw Code of Laws.

Mike has supported the contracting of the B.I.A. police funds and the establishment of the Lighthorse Police Force.

Mr. Watson was one of the founding members of the Pickens District Community Organization of the early 1990's whose function was to keep citizens informed of tribal affairs. Mr. Watson designed and implemented a complete accounting system to let the PDCO officers know what the organization's financial status was any given time. PDCO assisted several legislators from Pickens District with their elections.

The Chickasaw Alliance was established in 1996. Mr. Watson's involvement with the Alliance is as follows: member, interim chairman, first elected chairman, by-laws, term limits. The Chickasaw Alliance's stated goals are "Our Goals are to work for election REFORM, to help elect officials who are ACCOUNTABLE to the Chickasaw People. Promote EDUCATION, HEALTH and EMPLOYMENT of Chickasaw by Chickasaw Nation, and the fair treatment of all." It is the oldest active council for sharing tribal information with Chickasaw Citizens.

Mr. Watson's fundamental speech to any Chickasaw Nation candidate is the Alliance has no intent to order you

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Pickens District • Seat 4

Wanda Blackwood Tippit Scott, *Incumbent*

Name of candidate: Wanda Blackwood Tippit Scott

Position candidate is filing for: Tribal Legislator

District and seat number: Pickens District, Seat 4

Background information: Wanda Blackwood Tippit Scott is the granddaughter of Emily Blackwood, an original enrollee. She is the great-granddaughter of Tecumseh Lomen and Linda Lomen, both original enrollees. She is ¼ Chickasaw blood. Cherokee: Duvall Family. She enjoys working with her miniature horse that stands 39 inches from the shoulder.

Educational background: Mrs. Scott is a graduate of Graham High School, Graham, Okla. She attended Northern Virginia Community College and earned a degree from Rose State College, Midwest City, Okla., and was a member of the President's Honor List. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Oklahoma in architectural design and was selected for foreign study in architectural design at Oxford, England.

She was elected to the Tribal Legislature in 1995, serving as chairperson in 2002 and 2003. As chairperson she served as a member of all committees. She is former chairman of the Legislative Committee. She attends as many community council meetings as possible including out of state councils. She enjoys meeting with seniors at senior nutrition sites.

Wanda Blackwood Tippit Scott

Civic and/or community activities: Mrs. Scott serves as chair of the Garvin County Republican Women. She is a member of the National Foundation for Women Legislators, Oklahoma First Ladies, American Association of University Women, National Trust for Historic Preservation, International Interior Design, American Indian Alumni Association and the University of Oklahoma Alumni Association.

She has designed many projects ranging from children's and adult furnishings to building interiors. She enjoys handiwork such as bead work and crewel work. She is a board member of the Wild Mustang Association and the Federation of Women Legislators.

Goals as a member of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature: Mrs. Scott's legislative goals are:

· Participate in a tribal government that is open, people-oriented, fiscally responsible and responsive to the needs of Chickasaw citizens.

· Establish senior citizens centers, commodity distribution centers and health clinics throughout the Chickasaw Nation.

· Improve and enhance health care facilities and programs and educational opportunities for all Chickasaw citizens.

· Support the progressive nature of the Nation while preserving Chickasaw culture and traditions, especially the Chickasaw language.

· Increase the tribal land base.

· Improve and enhance health care facilities and programs.

· Increase diversified economic enterprises.

· Work with senior citizens.

· Utilize her architectural education and experience to complete the Old Historical Capitol Building in as accurate a manner as possible.

· Establish and implement a tribal judicial system.

Name of spouse and children: Mrs. Scott enjoys her family, Jimmie D. Scott, II and Dwain D. Scott and grandson Jimmie D. Scott, III.

Personal message to the Chickasaw People: *I pledge to the Chickasaw people that I shall always respect the views of the people and that I shall strive to do that which is right and honorable. Again I wish to emphasize that the future of our culture and people is dependent upon a well-educated populace.*

If you want a legislative person who will best serve the needs of the people and the future economic growth of the Chickasaw Nation, then you will want to support me in this election. I humbly ask for your help, your support and your vote.

Shana Tate Hammond

Name of candidate: Shana Tate Hammond

Position candidate is filing for: Tribal Legislator

District and seat number: Pickens District, Seat 4

Background information: Mrs. Hammond is the marketing and public relations coordinator at Mercy Memorial Health Center in Ardmore, Okla. She has worked there for the past six years.

She was born in New Mexico to Charles Tate and Patricia Guerin Tate, the third child of four. The family moved to Ardmore when she was six months old and she graduated from Ardmore High School in 1992. Her father, Charles Tate, was born and raised in Ardmore as well as her grandmother, Juanita Keel Tate, a Chickasaw Hall of Fame inductee.

Her family has always been very involved in the activities and matters of the Chickasaw Nation. Her father ran for Governor of the Chickasaw Nation in 1975 and he was a Chickasaw tribal judge from 1987 – 1989. Her family's involvement in the politics of the Chickasaw Nation dates back to the mid 1800's, when Edmund Pickens (Mrs. Hammond's great-great-great-grandfather) was the first elected chief of the Chickasaw Nation, and Cyrus Harris (her great-great-great-great-grandfather) was the first Governor of the Chickasaw Nation. The traditions of the Chickasaw Nation have been handed down through her family for generations, and she will keep them going by passing them down to her children.

Shana Tate Hammond

Educational background: Mrs. Hammond received a bachelor of science degree in marketing and international business and a minor in Spanish from Oklahoma State University in Stillwater in 1996. She graduated the top 10 students of the Ardmore High School class of 1992 and was a member of the National Honor Society.

Civic and/or community activities: Mrs. Hammond has served on various community and church organizations. It is very important to her to give back to her community.

· Past board member of the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) of Southern Oklahoma

· Served as an Ardmore Chamber of Commerce Ambassador from 2005-2006

· Member of the Leadership Ardmore Alumni Board of Directors

· Past member of the Ardmore Young Professionals Organization Steering Committee

· Staff support for the Mercy Memorial Health Center Women's Health Advisory Board

· Member, Ardmore First United Methodist Church

· Member of the Ardmore First United Methodist Church Council

· Serve at the Ardmore Soup Kitchen on a rotation throughout each year

· Soccer coach for the GOALS youth league

· Basketball coach for the YMCA youth league

Awards and honors: National Honor Society of High School students, *Who's Who Among American High School Students,* Native American Leadership Award (Oklahoma State University), Hispanic American Leadership Award (Oklahoma State University), Service Award (Mercy Memorial Health Center, Ardmore).

Goals as a member of the Chickasaw Legislature: I want to bring my healthcare experience and years of involvement with the Chickasaw Nation to the legislature to benefit the Chickasaw people. I also pledge to help bridge the gap for our at-large citizens.

· Provide honest representation of Chickasaws in the Pickens District

· An open and honest government for the people

· Foster diversified economic development

· Educate the citizens of the Chickasaw Nation of the healthcare services available

· Bridge the gap between rural hospitals and the Carl Albert Indian Health Facility, ensuring more health coverage for our citizens who receive care outside of Carl Albert

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Pontotoc District • Seat 1

Holly M. Easterling, *Incumbent*

Name of candidate: Holly M. Easterling

Position candidate is filing for: Tribal Legislator

District and seat number: Pontotoc District, Seat 1

Background information: Ms. Easterling is the great-granddaughter of the late Governor Palmer S. Mosely, the 20th and 23rd Governor of the Chickasaw Nation, and the late Amanda J. Greenwood. She is the granddaughter of the late Nannie P. Mosely and the late Elias Rector Smith and the daughter of Richard and Betty Duty, of Ada, Okla., and the late Sue Marie Smith.

Ms. Easterling is a CPA with over 20 years experience in the field of accounting. Her early career consisted of being controller for a commercial real estate development and management corporation, then working for a public accounting firm, both in Dallas.

She moved back to Ada in 1996 and was employed by Chickasaw Enterprises as controller for 6 ½ years prior to becoming Chickasaw Legislator in 2003. Ms. Easterling has served as chairman of the Finance Committee for the past three years.

She also serves on the Committees of Education, Health Care, Land Acquisition and others.

Holly Easterling

Educational background: Ms. Easterling is a 1982 graduate of Ada High School and a 1988 graduate of Oklahoma State University, where she received her bachelor of science degree in business administration, majoring in accounting. She became a certified public accountant in 1990.

Civic and/or community activities: Chickasaw Historical Society, Chickasaw Head Start Parent Council Treasurer, member of National Foundation of Women Legislators, member of Oklahoma State Society of CPAs and the OSCPA Ada Chapter, board member of Ada City Schools Foundation, board member of Texoma Christian Camp, Deacon and chairman of Trustees of First Christian Church of Ada.

Awards and honors: My greatest honor is to be able to serve as a Legislator of the great Chickasaw Nation!

Goals as a member of the Chickasaw Legislature: To continue to represent the citizens of Pontotoc District to the best of my abilities. To promote and support programs and services that support and provide opportunities to all Chickasaws and their families. To provide our elders with a better quality of life. To support increases in funding for Education and Vocation, Healthcare, Youth and Family Services and Chickasaw Arts, Humanities and Culture. To utilize my financial background and business experience to benefit my position in the Legislature in making prudent and informed decisions in all tribal finance-related considerations.

Names of other family members: Ms. Easterling has three children, Michael R. Smola, 16, Julia A. Smola, 14, and Cedar L. Easterling, 10.

Personal message to the Chickasaw People: *It has been my honor and privilege to serve you for the past 6 years! I am very proud to be Chickasaw, as I know you are. And I am very proud of the unprecedented progress of the Chickasaw Nation in these 6 short years. The budget containing tribal dollars for direct programs and services has nearly tripled in my 2 terms of service! Our 2009/10 General Fund Budget contains the largest amounts ever in Chickasaw history for Education and Healthcare. Thirty-four cents of every tribal dollar spent from the programs and services budget will go directly to you in the form of scholarships, grants and other educational incentives as well as tribal health programs (such as the mail-order prescription program) for Chickasaws only!*

I hope you have personally benefited from the things your tribe is doing for you and your family. The Listening Conferences provided the feedback for this increase in funding. I am glad to be a citizen of a tribe that listens to its people… and responds. After all, Chickasaw people are still our greatest resource. And I will always listen, be accountable, and remember it is you I serve. I would sincerely appreciate your vote!

Pattie Lee Howell

Name of candidate: Pattie Lee Howell

Position candidate is filing for: Tribal Legislator

District and seat number: Pontotoc District, Seat 1

Background information: Pattie Howell was born and reared in Ada, Okla. She is the daughter of Buddy and the late Maggie Walton Henley and the late Cordell Lee. Her maternal grandparents are the late Carney and Bessie Walton. Mr. Walton was a full-blood Chickasaw and an original enrollee.

Growing up in the Lovelady Community, Ms. Howell attended High Hill Indian Baptist Church. She still enjoys attending gospel singings and tribal events.

Ms. Howell has been employed in the field of education her entire career. She is currently the director of East Central University's Educational Talent Search Program. Her Employment with ECU began in 2004. The program works with students in twenty-eight middle and senior high schools in Southeastern Oklahoma.

Prior to working at ECU, Ms. Howell worked as a technical writer/curriculum developer for the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian. Her tasks included researching and developing materials for schools and families based on the exhibits and purpose of the museum.

Pattie Howell

As the director of the Head Start Bureau's American Indian Head Start Quality Improvement Center, Ms. Howell had the responsibility of directing training and technical assistance efforts for American Indian and Alaska Natives programs nationwide. Organizing conferences and making site visits to many reservation programs provided Ms. Howell with contact to many different tribal nations.

In addition, Ms. Howell worked as a tribal specialist for the Child Care Bureau and as a consultant to the American Indian/Alaska Native Programs Branch of the Head Start Bureau in Washington, D.C. Additionally, she worked as the Executive Director of Child Care Careers, Inc., and was a Head Start Teacher for the Chickasaw Nation.

Educational information: Ms. Howell attended Ahloso Elementary School, Ada Junior High and Ada High School. She received a bachelor of science degree in special education from Oklahoma State University in 1974. In 1985, Ms. Howell earned a master's of education degree in administration, planning and social policy from Harvard University in Cambridge, Mass.

Civic and/or community activities: As an involved child advocate and educator, Ms. Howell has been involved in many local, state and national activities including:

· Latta Schools Johnson O'Malley (committee vice-president)

· Chickasaw Nation Historical Society member

· Oklahoma Indian Head Start Association (president)

· American Indian/Alaska Native Head Start Monitoring team member

· State and National American Indian Education Conference (presenter)

· Southern Early Childhood Association board member

· Oklahoma Early Childhood Association state conference (chairperson)

· Oklahoma Association for the Week of the Young Child (state chairperson)

· Oklahoma CDA Advisory Committee member

· Governor's Early Childhood Professional Development team member

Francis Tuttle's Adult Vocational Technical School Child Care Advisory Committee member

Awards and honors: Ms. Howell Received a commendation from Oklahoma Governor Frank Keating in 1996 for her work on behalf of Oklahoma children.

As Executive Director of Child Care Careers, Inc., she received the *Friend of the Children* award from the Oklahoma Institute of Child Advocacy in 1991. In 2003, Ms. Howell was honored by her colleagues at the University of Oklahoma by placing her name on the Honor Wall of the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian.

Goals as a member of the Chickasaw Legislature: Ms. Howell has five major goals as Chickasaw Legislator. First, she wants to continue the growth and expansion of services to the Chickasaw

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Pontotoc District • Seat 2

Leon D. Brown

Name of candidate: Leon D. Brown
Position candidate is filing for: Tribal Legislator
District and seat number: Pontotoc District, Seat 2
Background information: Mr. Brown is the grandson of original full blood Chickasaw enrollees Louie and Chetona Porter Brown and George and Elmina Leader Johnson. He is the oldest son of the seven children of A.D. and Lula Brown. He spoke only the Chickasaw language until he started school where he learned English in order to get his education. His father was instrumental in the revival of the self-governing movement for the Chickasaws in the early 1950's.

Educational background: Mr. Brown's father was a circuit Methodist minister and assigned to many churches, therefore he attended many different schools. He is a graduate of Lula High School, Lula, Okla., and attended East Central State University, Ada, Okla., where he received his bachelor of science in education. He went on to earn his master's degree in education from East Central and did doctoral work at the University of Oklahoma. He earned his principal's and superintendent's certification from Southeastern State University and worked as an educator in public schools all of his working life.

Leon D. Brown

Civic and/or community activities: Mr. Brown is a member of the Kullihoma Senior Citizens Group, Oklahoma Retired Teachers Association, the Legends of the American Indian Golf Association, a member of the 45th Division Retiree Association, and a member of the Ada Main Street Farmer's Market.

Awards and honors: Mr. Brown was recognized as an honorary member of the Future Farmers of America for his volunteer work with the FFA. He was named Butner School's Teacher of the Year in 1989 and was elected to two terms as president of the Seminole County Teacher's Association. As a 23- year veteran of the National Guard he received many awards and commendations for his service in the 45th Oklahoma Division.

Goals as a member of the Chickasaw Legislature: Education: As a former educator, I realize the importance of education in a successful and fulfilling life. Therefore, it is my intention to work on behalf of the Chickasaw people to seek out and provide all we can to assure a successful experience for Chickasaw children as well as continuing education possibilities for adult tribal members. The strength of our Nation lies within its citizens and it is important that we all have a chance to better ourselves and to contribute to our tribe by obtaining a quality education. **Employment:** I will work to assist our Chickasaw citizens to utilize the programs already in place such as Pathways to Success, Vocational Rehabilitation, the Adult Learning Program, as well as assistance in paying for vo-tech fees and expenses to attend vo-tech programs. I will make myself available to the people and strive to initiate new programs in these areas when I learn of needs that are not being addresses by the programs currently offered. No Chickasaw wiling to better themselves need fall through the cracks because of a lack of resources or opportunity. **Culture:** As a Chickasaw who is trying to regain my former fluency in our language, I understand the need for classes to teach those who do not speak it as well as opportunities to practice and use it. Without use, it will die and we will lose our identity as Chickasaw people. I will work diligently to keep our language alive. **Elders:** I will work to address the needs of the Elders in our tribe. As an Elder myself, I am familiar with the programs which are currently available for Elders and will work to improve the services that are

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Nancy Elliott

Name of candidate: Nancy Elliott
Position candidate is filing for: Tribal Legislator
District and seat number: Pontotoc District, Seat 2
Background information: Nancy Elliott was born in Duncan, Okla., to W. B. and Leona Bea Brown Barrick. Her grandfather, Nathaniel Brown, and her great-grandfather Charles A. Brown were original enrollees. She has always been proud of her Chickasaw heritage.

Mrs. Elliott grew up in Lindsay, Okla., where her dad worked in the oil field business and her mom stayed home to raise the kids. She has four sisters and one brother. Mrs. Elliott worked for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company for eight years in Chickasha, Okla., as clerk to the Supervising Wire Chief before returning to college to pursue a degree in education.

She is retiring this year from public education. She has been a teacher in the Ada School System for the last 25 years.

Educational background: Mrs. Elliott attended public schools in Velma, Lindsay, and Oklahoma City. She graduated from Putnam City High School in Oklahoma City in 1967. She returned to college as an adult after her children were born.

She completed her bachelor's degree in elementary education in 1983 and her master's degree in education in 1988. She has been a teacher in the Ada Public School System for the last 25 years.

Nancy Elliott

Civic and/or community activities: Mrs. Elliott served as a member of the planning committee for the 2008 CNASA Space Camp, and was a judge for the 2007-2008 Chickasaw Princess Pageant. She has also served on various committees for the Chickasaw Nation and the Ada School System. Over the years, she has been involved in many volunteer civic activities. She served as a Girl Scout leader of two troops for over 10 years while her daughters were growing up. She has been actively involved in the First Baptist Church of Ada for almost 30 years as a Sunday School teacher in the youth department.

Awards and honors: As a public school teacher, Mrs. Elliott has been awarded over $6,000 in grants from the Ada City Schools Foundation for innovative projects. Those projects have provided her students exciting educational experiences over and above their normal curriculum.

In 2008, she was honored with an invitation to participate as a panelist on the Chickasaw Nation's Dynamic Women's Forum.

Goals as a member of the Chickasaw Legislature: My goal as your Legislator will be to meet the needs important to you - the Chickasaw people.

I firmly believe in:

1. Quality, accessible health care for every Chickasaw.
2. Retirement villages rich in activities and culture for our elders.
3. Educational opportunities for all Chickasaws of every age and location.
4. Diversification of businesses and promotion of entrepreneurship.
5. Services that build strong individuals and strengthen families.
6. Opportunities for all Chickasaws to grow, work, engage - and succeed!

Name of spouse and children: Nancy was married to Robbie Elliott for 36 years. He passed away in October 2004 from heart disease. She has three children, Nathan and his wife, Christie, and their daughter Reagan Elliott; Robyn and her husband, Wayne Scribner; and Rachel and her husband, Ryan and their children, Mikaela and Mackenzie Kent.

Personal Message to the Chickasaw People: *These are truly exciting days for the Chickasaw Nation with the promise of even better days ahead. It is important, I believe, for each of us to assume an active role in our government and work together to ensure that bright future.*

In today's economic reality, it is more important than ever that Chickasaw families are provided every possible opportunity to succeed and achieve happiness. Now is the time for us to work together and produce creative ways to meet the needs of all Chickasaws.

As your legislator, I will be your advocate. I promise to work hard for you and advocate for the things that are important to you. My pledge is to find out what is important to you and to always be responsive to your needs and concerns.

The Chickasaw Nation is a great nation, and our best days are just ahead of us. If we work together, we can make even greater things happen.

I ask you to believe in me by honoring me with your vote.

Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to serve you.

Sincerely,
Nancy Elliott

Pontotoc District • Seat 2

Sandra Renee Gibson

Name of candidate: Sandra Renee Gibson

Position candidate is filing for: Tribal Legislator

District and seat number: Pontotoc District, Seat 2

Background information: Chokma! Chin Chokma? Hello, How are you?

Sandra Renee Gibson's parents were Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Gibson. Her paternal grandfather was Mitchell Gibson, who was son of Silas and Minnie Gibson original enrollees as full bloods. Her father was also known as "Beans". He was at Goodland Academy for several years and attended Haskell where he learned his carpentry trade. He was a WWII veteran. She followed her father as she grew up tagging along and helping him with the remodeling of houses during her youth.

She grew up as the sixth child of seven children. Her parents were older parents when she was born for she was born when my oldest sister was a senior at Marlow (OK) High School. This had advantages for she learned many skills early in life. Yes, the listening skill was one of the most important skills. She was born at the Indian hospital in Lawton, Okla., and grew up in Marlow. She played sports and went to church regularly through the training of my parents and siblings. She received a perfect attendance award from her church for not missing a Sunday for 10 years. She played softball for a traveling team while growing up and won many state titles. She coached and umpired and played in many state and regional tournaments in softball, basketball and volleyball. Her graduation class of Marlow High which she is a member of will celebrate their 35th class reunion this year. Many awards were bestowed upon her at graduation from high school but most memorable was the Christian Athlete Award. She attended Oklahoma State University and played varsity basketball with one of the highlights was playing in the Big 8 tournament at

Sandra "Renee" Gibson

Boulder, Colorado and her teammates and coaches celebrating her 21st birthday. Her parents and siblings attended many games and tournaments and were very involved with her upbringing and collegiate career. She received a perfect attendance award as a teacher at Beaumont ISD, San Antonio.

Educational background: Ms. Gibson's educational background included Oklahoma State University (OSU) and Cameron University where she received her bachelor of science degree. She lettered in basketball and received several awards at OSU including Meritious Service Award. She was RHA female athlete of the year including many all university awards. She was also president of the Native American Club at Cameron University. She received her teacher's certification and taught and coached in Oklahoma and Texas including Duncan, Okla., Austin, San Antonio and Beaumont, Texas, and served as adjunct professor at Lamar University, Beaumont. She recently received her masters in education from East Central University in Ada, Okla. She had a realtors license when working real estate and various certificates. She attended Master Reading Teacher courses. She graduated with honors and wore the honor stole bestowed upon her by the Chickasaw Nation. She is pursuing doctoral program.

Civic and/or community activities: Ms. Gibson's involvement in the community started when she joined the Girl Scouts. In the second grade she joined the Brownies and in Cadettes earned a top service award. She was a Campus Gold Scout at Oklahoma State University. She belonged to the Jaycees where she was Oklahoma State Jaycee of the month. She was active in Business Professional Women's club. She was membership chairperson of the membership committee of the Lawton Board of Realtors where she was a million dollar producer. She served as secretary/treasur-

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Todd D. Griffith

Name of Candidate: Todd D. Griffith

Position candidate is filing for: Tribal Legislator

District and seat number: Pontotoc District, Seat 2

Background information: Todd D. Griffith is a descendant of Winchester Colbert. He was born and raised by Sherrell "Butch" and Sandra Griffith on a second-generation dairy farm in Newcastle, Okla., where he still resides today. The farm is on Chickasaw land and was part of the original allotment from the U.S. Government. The Colbert/Smith family comes home to this land every Fourth of July to reconnect and celebrate our heritage. His grandmother, Jean Smith Griffith, along with her brother, Colbert C. Smith and sister, Theople Smith Pugh grew up on the land and he is very proud to continue their legacy.

After college, Mr. Griffith returned to his home and worked side by side with his father on the farm, as he did when he was growing up. Then, given his entrepreneurial spirit and desire to stand on his own, he started his own business in 1995. He owns and operates T.G. Farms, a full-service greenhouse, vegetable stand and pumpkin patch. He has two locations in Newcastle. He also farms land in Newcastle, selling produce at farmer's markets in Edmond and Bethany. As a business owner he is continually seeking to improve his business, meet his customer's needs and be an advocate for his community.

Educational background: Mr. Griffith graduated from Newcastle High School in 1988 and received his bachelor of science in animal science with a business option from Oklahoma State University in 1992.

Todd Griffith

Civic and/or community activities: Mr. Griffith's civic and/or community activities include: Northern Pontotoc Chickasaw Community Council (chairperson), Chickasaw Senior Farmer's Market Nutrition Program (vendor), Oklahoma Vegetable Association (member), True Oak Fellowship (treasurer), True Oak Fellowship (bible study leader), Newcastle Chamber of Commerce (member), Newcastle Annual Pumpkin Festival, co-sponsored by the Newcastle Chamber of Commerce (host), Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma (donor), proud supporter of Newcastle FFA.

Awards and honors: *2009 Top Ten Entrepreneur Engage Oklahoma*, an economic development guide developed by the Oklahoma Department of Commerce and *The Journal Record.* Honored supporter of the Bethany Children's Center, a private, not-for-profit hospital serving children with complex medical and physical disabilities.

Goals as a member of the Chickasaw Legislature: My goals are to raise awareness of the current services offered through the Chickasaw Nation for all Chickasaw people; strive to understand the needs of the Chickasaw people, regardless of their geographic location and work to expand services making them convenient for any member of the Chickasaw Nation.

Name of spouse and children: Todd and Leslie celebrated their 16th anniversary in May. God has blessed them with one child, Emily.

Personal message to the Chickasaw people: *I am passionate about educating all members of the Nation concerning the wealth of opportunities and services the Nation provides it people. Through bold leadership and commitment to continue to strengthen the Chickasaw Nation, I believe we will be able to sustain growth and diversify to ensure the future success of the Chickasaw Nation and it's people. Growth and diversification will ensure the services now offered will be available for our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren and will allow expansion in services the Nation is able to offer.*

I believe to be an effective leader; you must be open, honest and accountable in your representation of those who have chosen you to serve. My aunt, Elaine Griffith, encouraged me to get involved in the Community Council meetings. My involvement has opened my eyes to the blessing of being a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation and the greatness of belonging to something bigger than myself.

My family has given me a rich heritage. It is time for my generation to stand up and continue the legacy for our children. I consider it a duty to uphold the high ideals and standards of the Chickasaw and I would consider it a privilege to

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Tishomingo District • Seat 1

D. Scott Colbert, *Incumbent*

Name of candidate: D. Scott Colbert

Position candidate is filing for: Tribal Legislator

District and seat number: Tishomingo District, Seat 2

Background information: Mr. Colbert's lineage includes G. Dixie, Elmer, Dixie H., Henry, Joseph, Maj. James, and James Logan Colbert. He was born in 1955 at Sulphur, Okla. He has been a private attorney in Sulphur since 1983. He has served as legislator since 2002 and presently serves as Cultural Resource Chairman. He served as Legislative Chairperson from 2005 – 2007. He is former Finance Committee chair, Court Dev. Ad Hoc chair. He served on the Chickasaw Supreme Court from 1996 to 2002 serving as chief judge 2001 – 2002. He served on the Chickasaw Tribal Council from 1980 – 1982 and the Chickasaw Supreme Court, 1982-83. He has been a municipal judge since 1985; has been on the Sulphur Community Bank of the Arbuckles Board of Directors since 1985; served as BIA Court Chief Magistrate from 1985 – 1990; member of Chickasaw Bar Association; Oklahoma Indian Bar Association; Oklahoma Bar Association; Oklahoma U.S. District Court and Murray County Bar Association.

D. Scott Colbert

Educational background: Mr. Colbert graduated from Sulphur High School in 1973. He received his bachelor of science degree from Oklahoma City University in 1978 and his juris doctorate from Oklahoma City University in 1983.

Civic and/or community activities: 1983 to present, member of Lions Club, serving as president for three terms; 1983 to present Sulphur Chamber of Commerce, prior director; 1983 to present substantial involvement with Chickasaw Nation youth; Boys and Girls Club; Chickasaw Language Preservation; community activities, Sulphur Public Schools and Community Education; 4-H Trustee; cultural resources, community centers, preventive medicine health facilities; St. Francis Church.

Awards and honors: Mr. Colbert's awards and honors are OCU Phi Delta Phi and Oklahoma City University Law Review Board of Editors.

Goals as a member of the Chickasaw Legislature: Commitment to the Chickasaw people to give my heart to Chickasaw people in friendship, education, youth, elders, seniors, cultural, language preservation, health and medicine, housing and other programs.

Name of spouse and children: Mr. Colbert has been married to his wife Sherri for 31 years. They have one daughter, Alex Colbert Billings, and three sons, Aaron, an attorney; Ben, a student at the University of Oklahoma; and Clifton, a student at East Central University.

Personal message to the Chickasaw People: *I thank you for your support and confidence. As a legislator and representative in the Tishomingo District of the Chickasaw Nation, I will continue to strive to provide leadership, integrity, and knowledge in government. I will represent the Chickasaws of the Tishomingo District. My email address is scott.colbert@chickasaw.net*

Tribal Judge • Seat 2

Barbara Anne Smith, *Incumbent*

Name of candidate: Barbara Anne Smith

Position candidate is filing for: Tribal Judge

District and seat number: Seat 2

Background information: Barbara Smith is a descendant of Winchester Colbert. She grew up in a Chickasaw family that always carried pride for Governor Colbert's contributions to the Chickasaw Nation. She has been blessed for the past seven years to have the opportunity to follow her ancestors' footsteps and become a part of the Chickasaw Nation's journey. Her parents, Colbert C. Smith and Marjorie A. Smith, have both passed on. "*I regret that they are not here to share these great times for the Chickasaw people, for my father and his sisters would be amazed at where the Chickasaw Nation is today.*"

Her father was born in 1920 and raised in Newcastle, Okla., on his family's allotment land. He lived in Newcastle on the farm with his parents, Mabel Mae Smith Smith and Virgil V. Smith, and his grandparents, Martha C. Colbert Smith and Charles Sydney Smith. His grandmother was the daughter of Humphrey Colbert and Elmina Colbert and the granddaughter of Winchester Colbert and Silsey Colbert.

While the Chickasaw Nation has blessed her with the opportunity to be a part of the current Native American progress, her accomplishments pale to those of her ancestors who paved the way for her. "*I am proud and honored to have the opportunities afforded to me by the Chickasaw people.*"

Barbara Anne Smith

She has been a Supreme Court Justice for the Chickasaw Nation since October 1, 2003. Previously, she served the Nation as District Judge for the Chickasaw Nation. She also served as a Special Judge for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Courts.

She has practiced law for 19 years with her brother, Michael Colbert Smith in a general practice with concentrations in social security disability law and Indian Law, with special consultations on issues of Tribal Sovereignty.

She earned her bachelor's degree from East Central State University, Ada, Okla., her master's from the University of Oklahoma and her Juris Doctor from Oklahoma City University. Prior to her law career, she taught mathematics at Norman High School and at the University of Oklahoma as an adjunct professor. She is a former commissioner of the Human Rights Commission of Norman, a former member of the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma County Diabetes Association, and during my teaching career, president of the Professional Educators of Norman. She is a board member on the Advisory Council for the National Tribal Judicial Center at the National Judicial College and have taught Continuing Legal Education courses on Tribal Sovereignty, Peacemaking and Tribal Courts for the Cleveland County Bar Association, Grady County Bar Association, Chickasaw Nation Bar Association, National Tribal Judicial Center with University of Oklahoma School of Law and the Sovereignty Symposium for the Oklahoma Supreme Court.

She teaches Tribal Sovereignty for the Native American Studies Program at the University of Oklahoma and Tribal Courts for the University of Oklahoma Law School. She has made several Peacemaking Presentations for the Association of American Indian Physicians and with the assistance of the Chickasaw Nation she organized the National Gathering of Peacemakers Conference in Oklahoma City in October of 2007.

She is an alumna of The National Judicial College in Reno, Nevada and joined the faculty there in 2004. She currently serves on the Board of the National American Indian Court Judges Association and the Board of Directors of the Native American Rights Fund.

Personal message to the Chickasaw People: *The journey the people of the Chickasaw Nation have afforded me has changed my life. I have had the opportunity to represent the Chickasaw Nation in many venues around the United States. Other Nations look to the Chickasaw Nation as a leader in Peacemaking and in promoting justice for our Nation in the Courts of the Chickasaw Nation.*

As I travel throughout the United States, the Chickasaws are viewed as a beacon of light to all Native people. There has been a positive impact to the Native American communities by the vision of the Chickasaw Nation. We are changing the way people view Native American people.

I am blessed and honored to have had the opportunity to serve the Chickasaw people as a Justice of the Supreme Court. I appreciate your support and I thank you for all you have done for me. I hold your trust with honor.

Remember to call election secretary's office if your name has changed

Some of the most common mistakes voters make when marking or returning their ballots have to do with actual voter names.

Each voter has a Chickasaw citizenship form on file with the tribal election secretary. Vital information about the voter is contained on the form. The election commission utilizes the citizenship forms to confirm that the person who has sent in the ballot is the same as the person listed on the citizenship form.

When you sign the outside envelope as indicated, you should sign it as you have signed on your citizenship form. Election workers check the signature on the envelope to the signature on the form to be sure they match.

The most common signature problem occurs with female voters. A woman who has married or changed her name for some other reason must make that change on her Chickasaw citizenship form. If that change is not made, and the woman signs the ballot using her new name, her ballot will not be counted because her new signature and the signature on her citizenship form do not match.

It is very simple and easy to make the proper changes to your citizenship form to ensure your ballot is counted.

Simply call the tribal election secretary's office and a worker will complete a new citizenship form for you. The worker will then send the new form to you via first-class mail. All you have to do then is sign the form and send it back in the addressed and stamped envelope provided.

The other common problem with names involves simply forgetting to sign the outside envelope where indicated. Ballots are discarded each year because voters neglected to sign the back of the envelope.

For help, you may call the tribal election secretary's office at (580) 310-6475 or toll free at 1-888-661-0137, or email rita.loder@chickasaw.net

Use proper procedure with ballot, envelopes to ensure validity

Each year, Chickasaw citizens receive mail ballots so they may cast their votes for legislative, judicial or gubernatorial candidates.

Ballots will be mailed out this year on July 13 from Albuquerque, N.M. The ballots are mailed first class to voters across the country. Ballots are due back to the tribal election commission no later than 10:30 a.m. on July 28.

Most citizens are accustomed to the mail-in ballot system and vote regularly. For newly-registered voters, there are some important things to keep in mind when casting and returning your ballot.

A voter receives his ballot in the mail along with two envelopes, which he will return with the ballot. The "inside" envelope holds the actual ballot. The voter will mark his ballots, then place it in the inside envelope and seal it. The "outside" envelope is used to transport the inside envelope and ballot back to the election commission. The voter will place his ballot – now sealed in the inside envelope – into the outside envelope, and will sign the back of the outside envelope where indicated.

The process probably sounds more complicated than it actually is. Once you open your mailing from the election commission, it is obvious what steps must occur.

Remember that the ballot return timetable has been shortened following passage of legislation in 2007. There is a 14-day window to return your ballot, so it is best not to delay.

Please vote and return your ballot immediately!

Voter registration closes
July 6, 2009
Ballots mailed
July 13, 2009

Meet your tribal election office staff and election commissioners

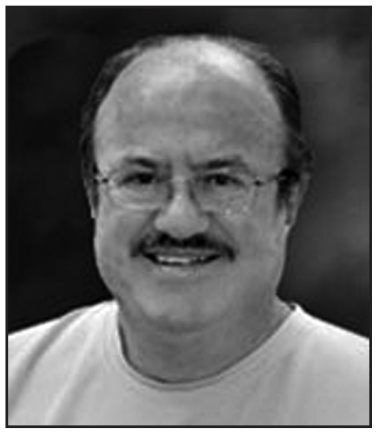
Rita Loder
Election Secretary/Tribal Registrar

Traci Gold
Administrative Assistant

Jennifer Owens
Registration Clerk

Chiefy Greenwood
File Clerk

Rose Jefferson
Pontotoc District Commissioner



J.D. Malaney
Panola District Commissioner

Claude Miller
At-Large Commissioner

Mark Riesen
Pickens District Commissioner

Catherine Wood
Tishomingo District Commissioner

MIKE WATSON

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about when you are elected. We request an open communication between you (if elected) and Chickasaw citizens. The Alliance respects the fact that there are times that information cannot be widely communicated; however, we deeply appreciate being kept informed when possible.

On issues of health, Mike has friends in the medical field and a family member in the medical field. He has helped monitor I.H.S. benefits for his family members, addressed medical concerns to the tribe and supported the Chickasaw Nation Health System.

Awards and honors: Mr. Watson has received numerous scholastic and fine art awards from his education activities.

Goals as a member of the Chickasaw Legislature: Mr. Watson's goal is to fulfill a promise made to his Grandmother Hattie which was to strive, through legislative efforts, to obtain fair, just, and beneficial treatment for all Chickasaw citizens.

When elected, Mr. Watson knows that legislative duties will require his participation in enacting good RULES and REGULATIONS, while looking toward economic ventures which are beneficial to ALL Chickasaw People, either through jobs or dividends. Mr. Watson will cast a beneficial vote which is advantageous to Chickasaw people.

Mr. Watson feels that the nation should look toward developing businesses in solar, thermal, turbine and hydro-electric energy production. With the amount of Chickasaw Nation property available, we could turn our efforts toward being "green". The Nation owns a metal plant which we could use to start building wind turbine towers or solar collective panels which could create electrical power for sale. In addition, this energy source could provide Chickasaw citizens with electricity for their private use at home at reduced prices.

There have been requests from Chickasaw citizens to change the Legislative Session Day from the third Friday of the month to meeting on Saturdays. These requests have been ignored for years. But when you read General Resolution Number 25-025 Designation of Change of Legislative Session Day only for one day (which happened to be 9:00 a.m. Monday, March 24, 2008…" GR 25-025 shows legislative sessions can be held on a Saturday at a time which enables citizens to attend these Legislative sessions.

Mr. Watson feels that a fair allocation or distribution formula for per capita could be based on the CN voter list, a list which does not require any certain blood quantum or resident location. Or, distribute an equal per capita amount to all Chickasaw citizens with trust accounts being established for each Chickasaw minor, voter's choice. Mr. Watson feels that if Permanent Resolution Number 22-019 can amend the "Comptroller Act" to remove the Office of Comptroller then Tribal Law 11-004 the "Chickasaw Nation Public Gaming Act of 1994" can and should be amended to delete one sentence "No per capita payments to tribal citizens shall be made from gaming revenue." Chickasaw citizens realize Per Capita payments are not allowed from the federal funds which support most of Chickasaw programs - money receive from U.S. taxpayers. If Chickasaw voters want to change the CN Public Gaming Law, then they must change their Legislators' vote or the Legislators.

In land management, the Chickasaw Nation could help clear forest by thinning trees, then turning the residue into pulp for paper. Chickasaws once held massive park-like settings and open fertile agriculture spaces in former days.

Mr. Watson and others have noted the extravagance and disparity of the Chickasaw Nation. Instead of having over priced posh chairs, the Chickasaw Nation's upper management might forgo some luxury in favor of allowing more funding to go into medicine or medical equipment.

Personal message to the Chickasaw People: *History, education and work enabled our forbearers to understand agriculture and wisely use herbs both for healing as well as a food supplement. Our ancient culture formed our social, educational, work ethics, and religion. A shining example of our elders' respect for education is the "Pontotoc Creek Treaty of 1832" in which Chickasaw People endowed the homeland they were leaving with a perpetual funding for European style education base. Funding for the endowment came from the sale of some of our ceded lands in Mississippi and that endowment became known as "the Chickasaw Cession school money" and in February of 1989, to settle an ongoing funding disparity the U.S. Fifth Courts of Appeals issue a funding formula in Federal Court Order No. 84-4109. We should all be proud of the old ones.*

For education concerns, I will network with the many educators with whom I am acquainted. I know university professors, a former classmates who is superintendent of a school district, school board members, administrators and teachers. All will assist me when there is a question regarding education.

If financially feasible (and in my opinion, it is not feasible), I will lobby for a 24/7/365 emergency care at the Ardmore Clinic. Again, if financially feasible, I will lobby for a 24/7/365 emergency transportation to Carl Albert Hospital; however, I do not feel that an emergency case should be directed to Carl Albert Hospital until the patient has been stabilized and can be safely moved.

I am not very impressed with the changes in the pharmacy section of the Ardmore Clinic. When our citizens have to submit a request for the medication two days in advance, then something needs to be done to have adequate medical supplies available at all times. There can be a daily replenishment program implemented like most pharmacies. The Chickasaw Nation should look into constructing more nursing facilities for long term and short term care. One of the original intents of PDCO was to provide a senior care site in order to help citizens who had to work, but were uncomfortable with leaving their elders at home along. There is a difference in caring for elders for pay and providing care to the people who are the foundation of our nation.

For accounting concerns, I know several people who are well qualified to assist with any questions which may arise. One of my professors once told me that it was not important to remember everything, just know how to do research or seek help from others.

Sam and Hattie Pickens Stout, both who lived their entire lives in the McMillan area, told stories from the front porch of their log cabin. Hattie and Sam gave me an insight into our Chickasaw culture. From my grandmother and family relatives, the stories of the removal from Mississippi were repeated. My granddad told the stories of the Mississippi Choctaws. My granddad was a stickball master. I remember watching older cousins toss the leather ball over the garage at the home place. There were stories of the Chickasaw dances which were only stopped a few decades ago. Now within the Chickasaw Nation there is a great attempt to revive all of our Chickasaw dances.

There are pictures which hang from our walls which remind me of the many stories of our Chickasaw past: Edmund (Ok-chun-tubby) Pickens cs. 1868, Anne (Ned) and Ihunta Pickens, and Grandmother Hattie better known in Pickens District area as Aunt Hattie.

I enjoy photography and have turned my hobby into employment where I share my picture taking techniques with my customers. I am an avid reader and history buff. I also love to swim and travel.

I feel that Chickasaw citizens need to press for productive utilization of their financial assets and discourage wasteful spending. Posh office furnishings and buildings do not define us as a People. We should invest more in our people's health, education and financial opportunity, which will create our great legacy. Thus, my pledge to you is to put my business, computer, communication, and "people" skills to work for you, the Chickasaw People. With such a strong and honorable Indian lineage, I am very comfortable being one of the most vocal advocates for Native American People, and especially for our Chickasaw youth and elders. I am persistent, dedicated, and loyal, and shall continue to advocate for the Chickasaw people. As your elected legislator from Pickens District, I look forward to hearing your opinions before casting the legislative vote.

Thank you for your time. Many of the items mentioned are my personal views and/or opinions. I appreciate your vote, a vote for the voice of the Chickasaw People!

Ballot position

Chickasaw legislative candidates gather at the tribal election secretary's office on June 8. The candidates drew lots to determine the position of their names on the ballots.

SHANA TATE HAMMOND

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· Maintain up-to-date medical equipment and facilities for out health clinics

· Work closely with the Chickasaw elders to ensure their needs are taken care of and help carry on their family stories

Name of spouse and children: Mrs. Hammond has been married to Bruce Hammond for 10 years. They have two children, Lauren, 9, and Cole, 6.

Personal message to the Chickasaw People: *The Chickasaw people must be represented fairly and honestly. The highest priority is to keep the interests of all Chickasaws at the forefront of every decision. With a background in healthcare, I feel this will be one of my biggest assets to the legislature. Our country is on the verge of a healthcare crisis, and now is the time to be proactive, not reactive. We are very fortunate to be on the forefront of a new, state-of-the-art healthcare facility in Ada. We must ensure citizens of the Nation, in all districts, have access to excellent healthcare.*

We must continue to provide educational resources to our people. The Chickasaw Nation will continue to thrive with educated citizens. Our younger generation will lead us into the future, but let us not forget our elders. With the construction of the cultural center, we will be well-equipped to capture the memories and stories of our elders, ensuring their legacies are not forgotten. This is near and dear to me, as I help my 98-year-old grandmother record stories of her childhood as well as stories told to her by her mother, Lula Potts Keel.

I hope you will give me the opportunity to serve you, as a new voice with fresh ideas, and strong family history of involvement in the affairs of the Chickasaw Nation. Let's Move Ahead! Yakkookay.

PATTIE LEE HOWELL

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people residing both within and outside the boundaries of the Chickasaw Nation. Second, business diversification to make the Nation less dependent on gaming is essential. Third, Ms. Howell believes that assisted living for seniors, both inside and outside the Nation's boundaries must be expanded with subsidized benefits. Fourth, Ms. Howell also feels strongly that education efforts must continue to expand for both traditional and non-traditional students, as well as those who are disabled. Ms. Howell's fifth goal is to ensure that all Chickasaw people have adequate access to quality health care.

In attaining these goals, she will draw upon her experience of administering multi-million dollar budgets. Her extensive experience working with tribal nations and the federal government has given her unique insights and resources. These experiences will help to serve you better.

Family information: Ms. Howell resides in Ada with her seven-year-old adopted daughter, Alyssa Wahpekeche. She enjoys the company of her sisters, Darla Dennis, Sandi Beller, Kim Zilem and Karen Lee, who are also Ada residents. An older sister, LaDonna Humphrey, is deceased. Her step-dad, Buddy Henley, lives in the Lovelady area. Ms. Howell's mother, Maggie Henley, passed away in 2001. Her dad passed away in 1981.

Personal message to the Chickasaw People: *Even as a young girl, my grandmother identified my strength of character and determination by saying in Chickasaw that I was "hard-headed". She frequently commented on my persistence, a trait that has served me well in achieving my goals. That same determination and persistence will serve you, the Chickasaw people, as I serve in the Legislature.*

As a lifelong Chickasaw, I know the strength and pride that Chickasaw people possess. My family, particularly my grandmother, Bessie Walton, instilled that pride of being Chickasaw. That same strength and pride is what makes Chickasaw people insist on open and honest communication among themselves, a tradition I will uphold.

We must honor those who have come before us and those who are yet to come by cherishing and fiercely guarding the sovereignty of the Chickasaw Nation. I believe the sovereignty of the Chickasaw Nation is the key to our survival and must never go unchallenged. I will serve as guardian to protect our sovereign rights.

I am committed to Listening to you, the Chickasaw People. I believe that a legislator cannot do her job well without the ideas, concerns, and feedback from the people we are elected to serve. I believe that the role of a legislator is to make the needs and wishes of the people known, rather than focusing on her own agenda. If I am elected, it will be an honor and a privilege to serve you, and I pledge that I will do it to the best of my ability. Together, we will make a winning team.

Please feel free to contact me at any time at (580) 279-0135 or pattie.howell@yahoo.com or phowell@ecok.edu

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er for the Red River Presbytery of the Cumberland Presybterian Women and a voting delegate attending the National Conference for CPW. She served as secretary of her county's political party.

She belonged to the National Education Association and the Texas State Teachers Association along with the Association of the Texas Professional Educators where she served as vice president. She is a Texas Ambassador for Texas State Teachers Association whereas she was taught to lobby and represent the teachers and assist with various duties throughout Texas. She is a member of the Oklahoma School Administrators Association. She attended National Education Association as a voting delegate representing the state of Texas. She belonged to the Texas Girl Coaches Association, Texas High School Coaches Association, Texas Basketball Coaches Association, Texas Health, PE and Recreation and Dance Association, American Association of HPERD and attended and belonged to the Native American caucus for NEA. She is a past member of Oklahoma Secondary Schools Association and Oklahoma Coaches Association.

She was a member of the District Educational Improvement Council and Campus Educational Improvement Council for several years. She has been a sponsor of National Honor Society and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. *As you can see not only do I join and become involved but I take a leadership role in organizations and accomplish many goals of the organization or association.*

Goals as a member of the Chickasaw Legislature: My goal as a member of the Chickasaw Legislature is to make health and education of all ages and all locations a priority for a prosper future. May someday all our children and elders have the programs they need to have an excellent quality of life and no less. My goal is to represent the people of Pontotoc voting district and to listen and communicate their wants and desires for Chickasaw nation.

Personal message to the Chickasaw People: *My personal message is that an open door to communication is the key to prosperity and representation. Therefore, I will keep a website and email and phone to be accessible to you 24 hours a day 7 days a week. I want to work for you.*

My email is redriverjumper@yahoo.com or renee.gibson6@yahoo.com and my website is http//www. reneegibson.webs.com

The role models before us, like Beaulah Shavney (Chickasaw Dynamic Woman of the Year, and family member), Pearl Carter Scott and Wade Alexander (family members), and Ray McCarter, have left us or is leaving a legacy that we must continue to strive toward excellence. Thanks. CHOKMASHKI. / YAKOKE.

LEON D. BROWN

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offered.

Name of spouse and children: Mr. Brown is married to the former Sandra Folsom. They have four children, Lorie, Don, Robert and Chris and nine grandchildren.

Personal message to the Chickasaw People: *I've worked for many years out of the Chickasaw Nation. I retired from my career as an educator after 31 years and am now able to be available to spend quality time among the Chickasaw people. I have seen the many wonderful changes that have been accomplished in the Nation for the good of our people, and I wish to be part of expanding upon these changes in order that we as a tribe many accomplish even more in the future. In the past years, I have worked with a diverse group of people, which gives me the insight to work for the good of the Chickasaw people. I ask you for the opportunity to work with the leadership of our tribe to advance the cause of the people of the Chickasaw Nation.*

TODD D. GRIFFITH

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serve you as a Pontotoc District Legislator. The continued success of the Chickasaw Nation is dependent on passing our knowledge and our strengths to future generations.

I look forward to serving you and I humbly ask for your vote. Please feel free to contact me at (405) 387-2847, todd@votegriffith.com or www.votegriffith.com

Chickasaw voter count by state across the U.S.

Every state, D.C., Guam, other countries home to voters

Did you know Chickasaw voters live in every state in the union, as well as the District of Columbia, a U.S. commonwealth and five foreign countries?

That's right! While the majority of Chickasaw voters continue to live in Oklahoma, we are now spread out across the country and the world.

The most recent voter count indicated a total of 24,219 Chickasaw voters. Of that total, 14,284 lived in Oklahoma. The next most populous state was Texas, with 3,759 Chickasaw voters, and in third place was California with 1,712.

In addition to the 50 states and the District of Columbia, Chickasaw voters now reside in the American commonwealth of Guam, plus the countries of Canada, the United Kingdom and Malaysia. There are also a number of Chickasaws serving in the military who utilize American Post Office (APO) addresses while they serve overseas.

Wherever they live, all Chickasaw voters will receive their mail-in ballots in July. The ballots are mailed first-class from Albuquerque, N.M. on July 13.

Remember to cast your ballot, sign your outer envelope and return as soon as possible. All ballots must be received by 10:30 a.m. on July 28 to be counted.

Ballots will be mailed to voters in Pontotoc, Pickens Districts; no races in Tishomingo, Panola Districts, judicial department

In this summer's tribal election, there are four contested races. All are legislative contests.

In Pontotoc District, Seat 1 incumbent Holly Easterling faces challenger Pattie Howell. In Pontotoc District, Seat 2 candidates are Leon D. Brown, Nancy Elliott, Sandra "Renee" Gibson and Todd Griffith. In Pickens District, Seat 1 incumbent David Woerz is challenged by Leslie Larsen Hicks and Mike Watson. In Pickens District, Seat 4 incumbent Wanda Blackwood Tippit Scott is challenged by Shana Tate Hammond.

In two races – one legislative and one judicial – the incumbents have drawn no challengers.

Those races include D. Scott Colbert Tishomingo District legislative Seat 1; and Barbara Smith, Chickasaw Supreme Court Seat 2.

Election rules state that when a candidate receives no challenge, his or her filing for election becomes a one-vote affirmation of his or her election victory. **As such, no ballots are mailed to voters in whose district no challenge was registered.**

Voters in Tishomingo District will receive no ballots this election cycle. Mr. Colbert and Ms. Smith received no challenges, so there will be no vote in the two districts. Had either of the candidates received a challenge, ballots would have gone out to Tishomingo District voters.

In Panola District, voters would have received ballots should Ms. Smith received a challenge. Judicial elections are Chickasaw Nation-wide, this Panola District would have been inlcuded should there have been a judicial race.

There is no legislative race in Panola District this year.

Chickasaw government has long, unique history

The Chickasaw Nation has a long and unique history of tribal government.

At the time of first European contact in 1541, the Chickasaws had already established an advanced and sophisticated culture and system of government. In addition to the hunter and warrior traditions, the tribe had established a foundation of agriculture and secure village life.

The tribe was, at that time, segmented into clans and a principal chief was selected by the tribal council as head of the nation.

The first contact was with the Spanish adventurer Hernando De Soto in 1541. De Soto, who was seeking mythical golden cities, spent a season with the Chickasaws. Chickasaw warriors eventually had to drive he and his men out as the Spaniards became arrogant and demanding.

Following the Treaty of Pontotoc in 1832, the Chickasaws were directed to find new lands in southern Indian Territory. The Chickasaw Nation, under pressure from the state of Mississippi and encroaching settlers, eventually entered into an agreement with the Choctaw Nation. The Chickasaw Nation, under the Treaty of Doaksville, would be removed to a western home with the Choctaw Nation.

The agreement was ratified by the Chickasaw council, which also limited the amount of funds that could be transferred to the Choctaw Nation for the new homeland.

The Chickasaw District of the Choctaw Nation was established and the Chickasaws began the removal to Indian Territory. The removal was punctuated by suffering, disease and unscrupulous behavior by contractors working for the federal government.

The Chickasaw District was located on the western edge of the Choctaw Nation. The Chickasaws were to move directly to that district, but most hesitated because of the unstable and even dangerous environment that existed there. Splinter groups from several Western tribes were making regular forays into the Chickasaw District and the environment was far from tranquil.

With the establishment of the Fort Washita garrison in 1842, Chickasaws began moving into the District in larger numbers. However, Chickasaws were becoming increasingly unsettled with the arrangement with the Choctaw Nation and began lobbying to once again become fully independent. Although Chickasaws had the full rights guaranteed under the Choctaw Constitution, Chickasaws were and would remain a minority group in the combined tribe.

While lobbying for separation from the Choctaw Nation, the Chickasaws were working on their own working government in the Chickasaw District. This structure would once again become the Chickasaw tribal government upon the tribe's eventual separation from the Choctaw Nation. The beginnings of the resurrection of the separate Chickasaw tribal government began at Boiling Springs in 1845 when Chickasaw leaders met to devise a constitution.

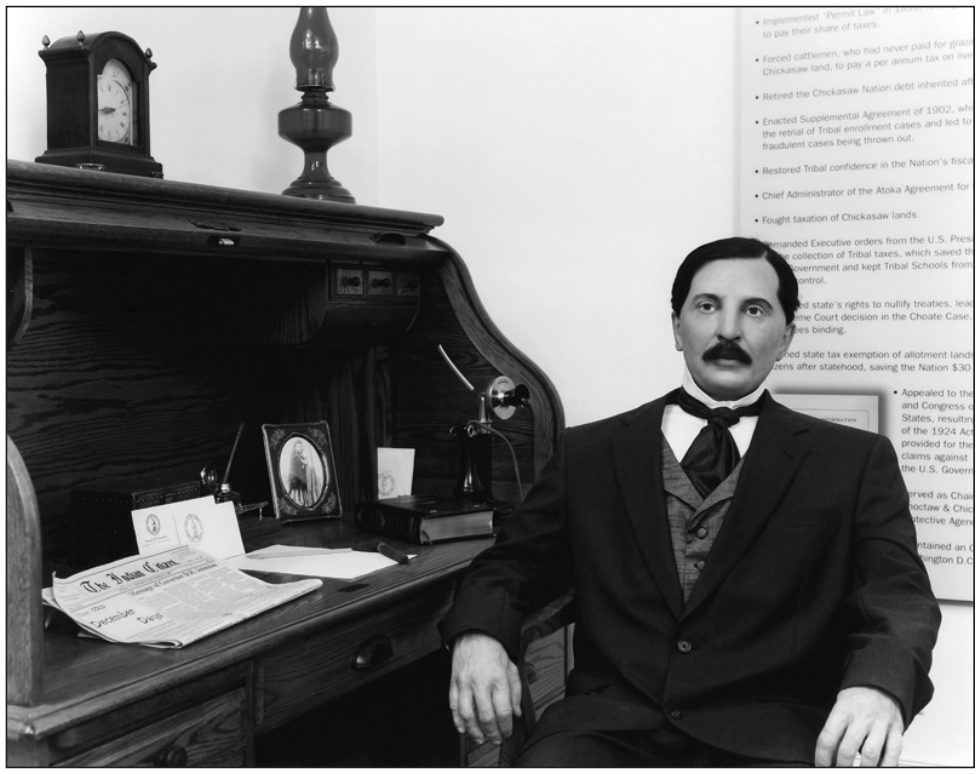
In 1848 the Chickasaw convention drafted a document establishing executive and legislative departments, a bill of rights and citizenship requirements. In 1855, the Chickasaw Nation purchased from the Choctaws the current Chickasaw Nation and the arrangement between the two tribes was dissolved.

In 1856, the Chickasaw convention at Good Spring produced the written Chickasaw Constitution and the historic Chickasaw tribal government was once again fully independent. The constitution established a chief executive, known at the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation; a bicameral national legislature comprised of a house of representatives and a senate; a judicial department including supreme court, circuit court and county courts; a bill of rights; voter rights; and a superintendent of public instruction.

The government began meeting in the council house at Tishomingo.

The modern Chickasaw Constitution was adopted in 1983.

The history of tribal government, self-determination and voter participation is long and continuous for the Chickasaw Nation.



Laws and Legislation:
Post-Civil War Progress
The Civil War devastated the Chickasaw Nation in many ways. To help the nation's economy recover, which group was the most helpful?
A Freedmen (former black slaves)
B White people
C Plains Indians
Lift
Lift
Lift

The Chickasaw Nation capitol building in Tishomingo, Okla., is a great place to visit and learn Chickasaw history. The interior of the historic building has been transformed into a Chickasaw history class, complete with lots of great learning tools. Above left, a representation of Chickasaw Nation Gov. Douglas Johnston working at his rolltop desk. Above right, capitol visitors take in information, photographs and more as they study the exhibits that line the capitol building's hallways.

Ballots mailed to voters on Monday, July 13
Remember to return your ballot no later than July 28!

Chickasaw voters
Exercise your right to vote! Mark and return your ballot!

The Chickasaw Nation Election Commission and election secretary encourage ALL registered Chickasaws to cast their votes for the candidate of their choice. YOUR VOTE COUNTS!

As a citizen and eligible voter of the Chickasaw Nation you have the honor to cast your vote for your tribal leaders. Don't miss this opportunity to make your voice be heard. Cast your vote and return your absentee ballot in the prepaid envelope supplied in your ballot packet.

• CAST YOUR VOTE FOR THE CANDIDATE OF YOUR CHOICE

• PLACE YOUR BALLOT IN THE INNER ENVELOPE

• PLACE INNER ENVELOPE IN "OUTER" ENVELOPE

• SIGN YOUR NAME WHERE INDICATED ON "OUTER" ENVELOPE

• PLACE YOUR BALLOT IN THE MAIL

IMPORTANT NOTE: You MUST sign your name as addressed to you, or your vote will NOT BE COUNTED. Your signature has been scanned in the voter database as it appears on your voter application. Your signature on the outer envelope is compared to your signature on the voter database to confirm the validity of your original signature. The ELECTION COMMISSION AND ELECTION SECRETARY verify your signature during the ballot counting process.

No one knows how you vote.

Remember to return your ballots early, giving ample time to reach the election commission's post office box before the deadline.

Remember to contact tribe when your address changes

In our modern society, it is a fact of life that people move often. People move to new homes within their communities, or they may move across the country.

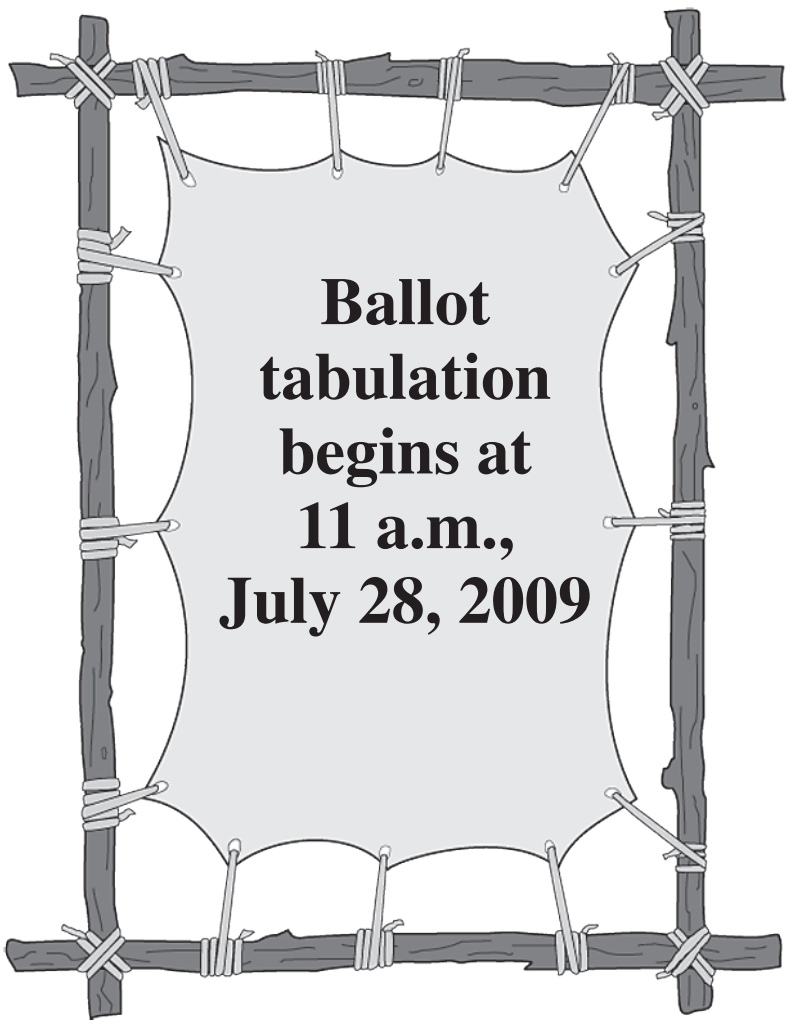
Chickasaws are no different. Chickasaw citizens live in every state in the union, plus the District of Columbia, Guam and several foreign countries. There are also a good number of Chickasaw military men and women who often change duty stations.

Remember that when you move, you should contact the tribal election secretary's office to update your address. If you fail to do so, you will soon find you are not receiving the regular mailings from the tribe, including your monthly issue of *the Chickasaw Times* and your mail-in ballot.

The Times is mailed via third-class mail and is most often not forwarded. The ballots are mailed first-class and will be forwarded for a period of time by the U.S. Post Office. However, that forwarding does expire. When that happens, you will not receive a ballot.

Think of your tribe when you change addresses. It is easy and simple to make the change. Just call the election secretary's office and update your address. You may call the office at (580) 310-6475 or toll free at 1-888-661-0137, or you may email the election secretary at rita.loder@chickasaw.net

Remember, it's quick, easy and it preserves your right to vote!



Contact your election office

Those wishing to contact the Chickasaw Election Office may do so at one of the following:
P.O. Box 695, Ada, OK 74821
(580) 310-6475 phone
(580) 310- 6474 Fax
Toll Free 1-888-661-0137
Chickasaw.net then click government.

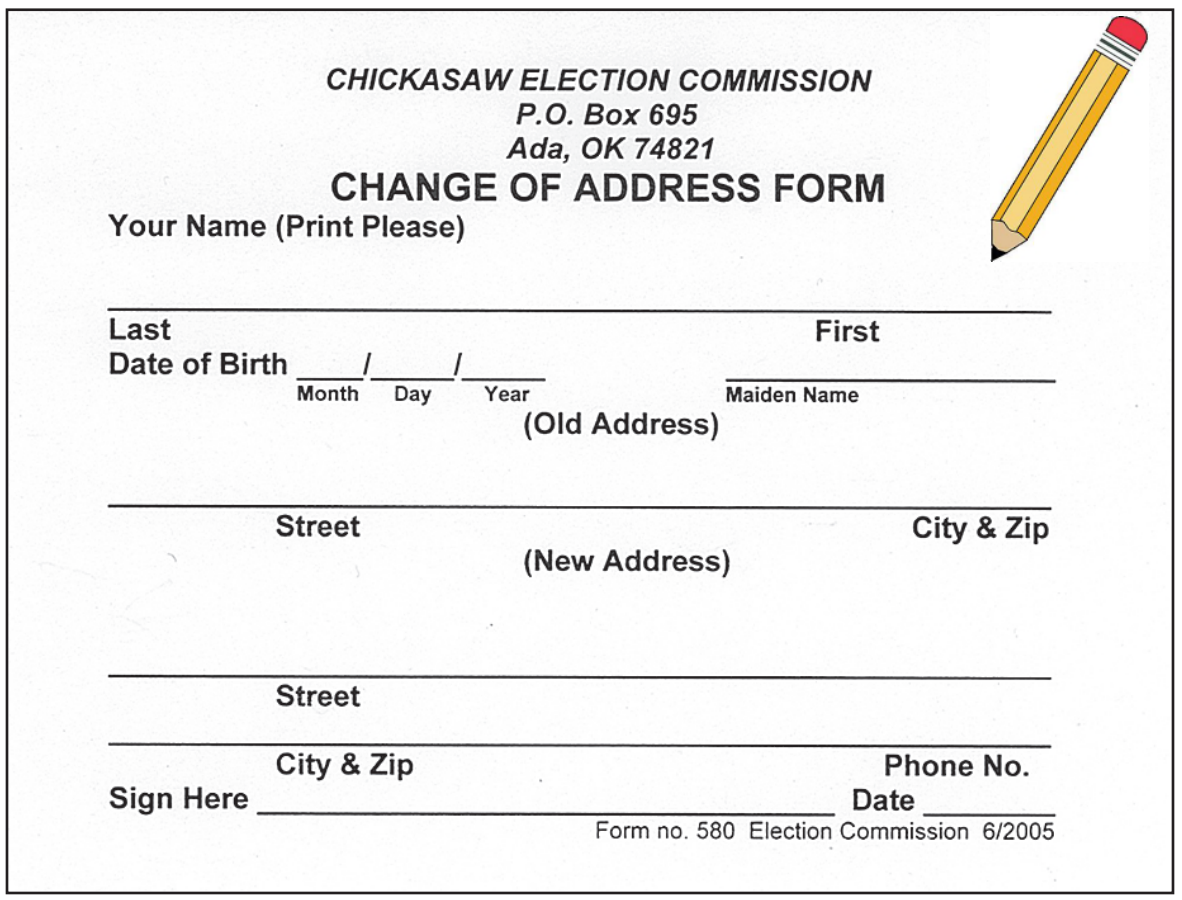
Chickasaw Nation Election Commission selects automated election services

Ink Impressions, Inc. automated election services, based in Albuquerque, N.M., and has been selected to provide the absentee ballots, mail-out, tabulation and ballot counting machines for this year's election.

Ink Impressions, Inc. has been providing this type of election service since 1974.

President of the company, Terry Rainey, and staff travel all over the United States, providing automated election services for over 150 Native American tribes.

The Chickasaw Nation Election Commission has utilized their services for pervious elections with tremendous results.



CHICKASAW ELECTION COMMISSION
P.O. Box 695
Ada, OK 74821

CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

Your Name (Print Please)

_____
Last **First**

Date of Birth ____/____/____ _____
Month Day Year **Maiden Name**

(Old Address)

_____
Street **City & Zip**

(New Address)

_____
Street

_____
City & Zip **Phone No.**

Sign Here _____ **Date** _____

Form no. 580 Election Commission 6/2005

Complete your ballot properly - make your vote count!

Do you know the correct way to complete your election ballot? There is such a procedure in assuring that your vote will be counted in this year's election. Failure to correctly complete your ballot can result in your vote being ruled "invalid" by the Chickasaw Nation Election Commission.

Here are some helpful reminders when casting your vote in July.

1. Complete the arrow, using a No. 2 pencil or black ink pen. Ballots are tabulated by Scantron, which recognizes pencil or black ink. Do not circle, check or underline the candidates' names.

2. Sign your signature on the outside ballot envelope exactly as it reads, using a blue or black ink pen. Be sure to write your signature in cursive. Do not print. Notice: A hole is punched in the envelope to verify the ballot was inserted.

3. The bar code that appears on the outside envelope is for tabulating purposes only and is not to be written anywhere on the ballot or envelope.

4. Do not put more than one ballot in the inner envelope. Although there may be several voters in a household, no ballots will be counted if all ballots are mailed in one envelope.

5. Complete and mail your ballot as soon as you receive it so it will reach the Ada Post Office by Tuesday, July 28, 2009, the last day the ballots will be received. Ballots are mailed to all qualified voters on July 13, 2009. Voters have two weeks to return their ballots. The ballots will go to the post office in Oklahoma City prior to the Ada Post Office. It will take at least three days before the ballots actually arrive in Ada. Do not wait until the weekend before the deadline to mail your ballot. Doing so may cause it to be late.

6. Make sure that your ballot is not soiled or scribbled on. It must be legible.

7. Finally, vote! This is your privilege, so use it. Ballots will remain in the Ada Post Office until they are picked up by the Election Commissioners on ballot counting day, July 28, 2009.

If you have any questions about your voter registration, completing your ballot or if you do not receive your ballot, please contact Rita Loder, election secretary at the Election Commission office, (580) 310-6475 or 1-888-661-0137. Complete your ballot properly - make your vote count!

Editor's note: This special edition of *the Chickasaw Times* is an election issue. It contains the announcements and pictures of all candidates. Biographical sketches and personal messages in this issue were submitted by the candidates.

the Chickasaw Nation
Division of Administrative Services
Tribal Governmental Services
2015 Lonnie Abbott Industrial Blvd. / P.O. Box 1548 / Ada, OK 74821 / Phone: (580) 436-7250 / Fax: (580) 436-7226
E-mail: cdib@chickasaw.net

Application for:
☐ Voter Registration
☐ Citizenship
☐ Change of Address
☐ Abstain from Voting

Bill Anoatubby
Governor

Application for Citizenship/Voter Registration in the Chickasaw Nation

Last Name | First Name | Middle | Maiden | Social Security Number

Mailing Address (Street, Box, Route) | City | County | State | Zip Code

Date of Birth | Sex | Degree of Blood | Issuing Agency

Do you possess Indian blood of another tribe? If yes, what tribe(s)? _____

Do you wish to have your Social Security number printed on your citizenship card? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you are applying for a citizenship card, please **attach a current color photograph** (passport, Polaroid or professional photographs are appropriate). Photographs must be in color and no smaller than 1½" by 1¼".

If you are 18 or over and wish to register as a Chickasaw voter, you must choose the appropriate voting district below.

If you live INSIDE the Chickasaw Nation, mark the district in which you reside.

If you live OUTSIDE the Chickasaw Nation, you must mark the district of your choice.

☐ Pontotoc District No. 1
☐ Pickens District No. 2
☐ Panola District No. 3
☐ Tishomingo District No. 4

***Please do not discard your CDIB card. The citizenship card will take the place of your voter card.**

I am a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation as defined in the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation and Title 2, Section 2 of the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Code. I understand that false or erroneous information can cause loss of citizenship.

YOUR SIGNATURE REQUIRED Indicate relationship if other than applicant (Parent/legal guardian must sign for minors/wards) | Daytime Phone No. | Date

OFFICE USE ONLY

Confirmation

Authorizing Signature | CDIB Number | Date

Form no. 264 CDIB Rev. 3/2008

OFFICIAL MAIL BALLOT

PRIMARY ELECTION
CHICKASAW NATION

Pontotoc District Seat 1
Ada, Oklahoma
JULY 28, 2009

SAMPLE

This is your secret ballot.
Do not sign or otherwise mutilate it.

DO NOT ERASE

TO VOTE:USE A #2 PENCIL (NO INK)

Complete the arrow(s) pointing to your choice(s). like this

Pontotoc District Seat 1

Holly M. Easterling

Pattie Howell

SAMPLE

How to make sure your ballot is counted

Make sure you sign your name in cursive, using an ink pen (NO PENCIL on your signature), **EXACTLY** the way it is written on the envelope, or it will not be counted.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I AM A CITIZEN OF THE CHICKASAW NATION AND THAT I AM ENTITLED TO VOTE IN THE CHICKSAW TRIBAL ELECTION FOR THE CANDIDATES HEREIN MARKED. I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT I MARKED THE ENCLOSED BALLOT IN SECRET.

John D. Doe
VOTER'S SIGNATURE

John D. Doe
P.O. Box O
Anytown, USA 0000000-0000

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CORRECT:
You must find the name of the candidate you wish to vote for and **complete the arrow** directly across from their name by using a pencil. (NO INK)

DO NOT circle, underline, put an X or check mark any of the candidate's names or it will not be counted!

THE CHICKASAW NATION TRIBAL ELECTION 2009 PRIMARY ELECTION SCHEDULE

June 1-3: Candidate filing period (8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at the Election Secretary's office)

June 5: Challenge to Candidacy ends at 5 p.m.

June 8: Drawing for position on the ballot (1:30 p.m. at the Election Secretary's office)

Candidates may pick up labels, print-outs, & CD's.

June 9: Last day to submit photo & biography to "Chickasaw Times" (***by 12 noon)***

Press release for candidates (news/media)

June 29: Ballots mailed to voters who reside out of the contiguous 48 states

July 6: Voter registration closes.

July 7: After 12 p.m. candidates may pick up updated labels, print-outs, & CD's.

July 13: Ballots mailed to ALL qualified voters.

July 22: Last day to appoint a watcher.

July 28: 2009 Primary Election (*last day to return ballots; no later than 10:30 a.m.)*

Ballot tabulation begins @ 11 a.m.

Unofficial results posted immediately

Press Release made to public.

July 28: Voter registration re-opens, *if no run-off election.*

July 31: Recount period ends.

October 1: Oath of Office Ceremony (11:00 a.m.)

THE CHICKASAW NATION 2009 RUN-OFF ELECTION SCHEDULE (IF NEEDED)

August 3: Candidates may pick up labels, print-outs, & CD's ***(after 12:00 p.m.)***

August 10: Ballots mailed to ALL qualified voters.

August 19: Last day to appoint a watcher for the run-off election.

August 25: 2009 Run-Off Election (*last day to return ballots; no later than 10:30 a.m.)*

Ballot tabulation begins @ 11 a.m.

Unofficial results posted immediately

Press Release made to public.

Voter registration re-opens

August 28: Recount period ends.

October 1: Oath of Office ceremony (11:00 a.m.)

Name
Address
City State Zip

☐ NEW ADDRESS CHECK HERE

2009 **Primary Election Ballot Enclosed**
Return Before JULY 28, 2009

Notice: A hole is punched in the envelope to verify the ballot was inserted.

SAMPLE

BUSINESS REPLY MAIL
FIRST-CLASS MAIL PERMIT NO. 204 ADA, OK
POSTAGE WILL BE PAID BY ADDRESSEE

CHICKASAW NATION ELECTION COMMISSION
PO BOX 695
ADA OK 74821-9899

NO POSTAGE NECESSARY IF MAILED IN THE UNITED STATES

VOTE!

Ballots mailed July 13, 2009